FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The existing scales of salaries were fixed at different times and the cost of living is only one of the several factors governing the fixing of salaries. Information in regard to the comparative cost of living at different times is not available and cannot therefore be presented to the members.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Ramaswami.—

Is it under contemplation to raise the salaries of Government servants in view of the present high prices of foodstuffs and other necessaries of life ?

Dewan.—

That is a new question.

MESSRS. HOSKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, JAMMATIGE SHAMA JOIS, HONNIAH HEGGADE (Koppa Taluk).

Q.—**19.** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of Government servants under the following heads:—

(*a*) Those who receive more than Rs. 1,000 per mensem;

(*b*) Those who receive above Rs. 500 per mensem;

(*c*) Those who receive above Rs. 100 per mensem;

(*d*) Those who receive below Rs. 100 per mensem;

(*e*) Peons and other servants with the total number and the total salary under each heading in the years 1912-13, 1921-22 and 1923-24.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The particulars required are available in the published Budgets for the years mentioned. The members are referred to them.

MESSRS. HOSKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, JAMMATIGE SHAMA JOIS, HONNIAH HEGGADE (Koppa Taluk).

Q.—**20.** Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken (or intend to take) to give effect to the resolution passed unanimously in the October

Session of the Representative Assembly urging the introduction of Permanent Settlement in the State.

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—Government are not prepared to give effect to the Resolution. The difficulties attending permanent settlement were already explained to the Assembly at the time of the discussion of the Resolution.

MESSRS. HOSKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, JAMMATIGE SHAMA JOIS, HONNIAH HEGGADE (Koppa Taluk).

Q.—**21.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number, the nature and the extent of defalcations that have occurred in the Electric Department in Bangalore, Sivasamudram and elsewhere, if any, within the past ten years and the total loss involved thereby together with the number of persons concerned, officers and subordinates including?

(*b*) What action was taken from time to time by Government to recover the amount and recover the losses?

(*c*) How many officers and men concerned were prosecuted in the Courts of law or otherwise dealt with departmentally as a result of these transactions?

(*d*) Was any Committee appointed to investigate these periodical occurrences, and if so, will their report and recommendations, if any, be placed on the table of this House?

(*e*) Was the Committee's recommendation fully given effect to, and if not, why not; and were all the persons involved placed before the Court, and if not, what were the extenuating circumstances that stood in the way of their prosecution?

(*f*) Was the contractor Allaudin fully paid as per his bills submitted and what stood in the way of his being placed before the Court? How long was he connected with the Department of Electricity?

(*g*) Who audited the accounts for the past ten years, and will the Auditor's reports of those shady transactions be placed on the table?

(*h*) Were the accounts audited by the officers of the Comptroller's Department, and if not, were they found wanting or disqualified to handle those accounts, and how many audits were arranged and by whom, and will these reports be made available for the information of the members of this House?